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## COUNCIL TAKES NO ACTION

Incharges Preferred Against  
Mayor Meacham By  
A. J. Casey.

## WITHOUT JURISDICTION.

Colored People Ask For an  
Order For Graded School  
Election.

The City Council met in regular session Friday night with Mayor Meacham presiding and all councilmen present except Councilman Higgins, who is in New York.

Several bills for supplies were allowed and some street improvements were discussed. The Street Committee was authorized to buy one or more cars of street oil to supply the demands of citizens who continue to subscribe under the recent proposition of the city to spread the oil paid for by citizens.

At nine o'clock Mayor Meacham announced that as a special order, charges preferred against him by unnamed citizens, in a paper filed with the clerk by Mr. Stanley Bassett, would be taken up, and stated that he would retire from the chair during the hearing. Upon motion, Councilman Barnett was elected chairman pro tem.

Mr. Bassett read his formal charges, alleging that the Mayor was interested in printing contracts with the city, citing instances in which city officials, with no authority to contract, patronized the mayor, the council subsequently reimbursing them on their office expense accounts. Downer & Russell appeared for Mayor Meacham and Mr. J. W. Downer in an argument stated that while the mayor had asked for an investigation, denying that he had been interested in any contracts with the city during his present term of office, and had done no official printing or advertising for the city since he obtained a construction of the law from the attorney general two years ago, his attorneys desired to enter a demurrer to the trial of the charges by the Board of Council. Mr. Downer made an argument holding that the offices of Mayor and police judge were constitutional offices and the Council had no power of removal, the Attorney General being the only officer with power to prosecute such a cause. He said any action taken by the council would be invalid and therefore useless.

Mr. Bassett followed with an argument holding that the mayor had vacated his office ipso facto and the highest authorities on municipal law gave councils an incidental power to remove officers appointed by them; but he did not ask the council to remove, but declare the office vacant.

Mr. Downer in a short rejoinder said Mr. Bassett's idea would deny the right of trial, that every man was entitled to his day in court, that his charges were denied and must be proven before there could be even a cause for removal and that the case could only be tried in a court of proper jurisdiction.

City Attorney Brasher was called on for an opinion and advised the council to the effect that it had no power to receive or act upon the charges.

Upon motion of Councilman Galbreath, seconded by Councilman Randle, the charges were dismissed for want of jurisdiction, all voting aye.

The charges dismissed were first published in a paper edited by A. J. Casey and also distributed in handbills. Mr. Bassett declined to tell when asked who his clients were, but there is reliable information that gamblers and former saloon men with grievances against the city administration have contributed to a fund to be used in ousting the mayor.

Mayor Meacham resumed the chair and the council remained in session until a late hour.

Engineer McClaid was authorized to rebuild the wall at the North Main street bridge. Chairman Galbreath, of the Bridge Committee, was asked to take up with the Vincennes Bridge Co. the matter of replacing the defective floor in the same bridge.

The new driveway in the south entrance to Riverside Cemetery was ordered macadamized.

Councilman Glass made application, on behalf of colored citizens, for the establishment of a colored graded school in the city, an election to be held as soon as possible. The application was referred to a committee with Councilman Glass as chairman, to report the necessary ordinance at a special meeting next Friday night. The election will be called early in October.

## BIG BAPTIZING

Follows Eld. Harlan's Revival at Sinking Fork.

Evangelist S. C. Harlan of the Christian church has just closed a successful revival meeting at Sinking Fork, in this county. There were so many additions to the church that scarcely a "sinner" is left in the neighborhood. In a pond near the house of worship Elder Harlan immersed forty-seven candidates. A photographer arrived on the scene after the benediction had been pronounced, but Elder Harlan and the new converts marched back in the pond and posed for the snapshot. A thousand people witnessed the administration of the ordinance of baptism. Elder Harlan's home is at Kirksmansville, Ky.

## REVIVAL AT AUBURN.

Dr. Thompson Absent From His Pulpit Sunday.

Rev. C. M. Thompson is conducting a protracted meeting at the Auburn Baptist church and the pastor of the Auburn church, Rev. C. C. Daves, filled Dr. Thompson's pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

## SISTERS ARE WEDDED.

One On Saturday and the Other On Sunday.

Two marriage licenses were issued Saturday. One was for Mr. Mose G. Owen and Miss Tommie Brasher. They were married by Judge Knight Saturday afternoon. The young bride and groom live in the county, near Kelly. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. C. A. Brasher.

The other license was for Mr. Andrew Denny and Miss Lula Brasher, a pretty sister of the other bride. Mr. Denny is an employe on the railroad construction crew, near the city. They were married Sunday.

## EXCITING ELECTION

Prohibition Contest In Crofton Is Warm.

The local option contest in the Crofton district is growing hot and excitement over the coming election is increasing every day. The indications point to a sweeping victory for the dries. The election will be held next Monday.

## GAYNOR IMPROVING.

Cough Has Ceased and He Suffers No Pain.

New York, Aug. 21.—Only one bulletin was given out today on Mayor Gaynor's condition, and there was no consultation of physicians. The bulletin was timed 9 p. m., and read:

"Mayor Gaynor is steadily gaining strength. He sat up a part of the day. He walked a few steps. He enjoyed reading, and this evening is in excellent condition."

The cough which bothered the Mayor has ceased, and he suffers no pain from his wound, but his voice is still weak. It was planned to tell him today just how he was shot, but he displayed no interest, and the attempt was abandoned.

## COL. J. O. COOPER REGISTERS OFF

Veteran Hotel Man Is Called  
From The Earthly  
Scenes.

## DIED SUNDAY MORNING.

For Many Years One of Hopkinsville's Most Prominent Citizens.

Mr. James Owen Cooper, the veteran retired hotel man, died Sunday morning at 6:15 o'clock, after a year's illness, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ida Chappell, on Walnut street.

Col. Cooper, as he was better known though he had no military record, was one of the best known citizens of Hopkinsville.

He came to the city from Cadiz in 1876 and took charge of the old Central hotel, where Hotel Latham now stands, and a few years later bought the Phoenix Hotel. For more than 30 years he was the leading hotel man of this section of the state and was known far and wide for his sunny disposition, his rich sense of humor and his good fellowship with the traveling men, who were all his friends. In the old days the lobby of the Phoenix Hotel was the general reception room of the city and there was always a crowd of Col. Cooper's friends about him to draw from his rare fund of anecdotes and to discuss every subject from the tariff to the latest gossip.

After he quit the hotel, he engaged in the brokerage business until 1903, when he retired and had since made his home with his only daughter, Mrs. Chappell. About a year ago the familiar figure of the genial Colonel ceased to be seen often on the streets and his health rapidly failed. A stomach trouble, called by the doctors sarcoma, gradually sapped his vitality and the end came as above stated.

Col. Cooper was born in Christian county July 9, 1838. He was married to Miss Hattie Summers May 9, 1861. Four children were born to them. One, Ella Bell, died at 12 years of age. The other three, Messrs. Wm. T. Cooper, Jas. E. Cooper and Mrs. Ida Chappell, all live in this city. His widow also survives him.

He was a consecrated, consistent Christian, being one of Sam Jones' converts in his first meeting in this city in January, 1893. He united with the Methodist church and for nearly eighteen years had been a leader in all church work, a pious man of God.

At one time or another he held membership in the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, Workmen's and Knights of Pythias Orders. The latter order took part in his funeral services.

The funeral was held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Means, assisted by Rev. Pat Davis, the evangelist. The interment was in the family lot in Riverside cemetery.

The honorary pall bearers were Messrs. J. O. Cushman, E. L. Foulks, W. T. Vaughan, Joe McCarroll, L. L. Elgin, Fred Harned, J. H. Cate, Bailey Russell and Dr. H. H. Wallace.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Chappell, of Nashville; Mr. Chappell is his grandson and is city editor of the Nashville American and one of the most promising young journalists in the South.

The death of Col. Cooper will cause sorrow to a large circle of friends all over Western Kentucky. May his ashes rest in peace and his memory be ever cherished by those who loved him best for his many noble qualities.

## Victim of Kissing Bug.

Glasgow, Ky., Aug. 22.—"Aunt Julia" Kirkpatrick, an aged and well-known lady near Cloyd's land-

ing, in Cumberland, was bitten on the face by a kissing bug, and is in a critical condition. The bug bit or stung the lady in two places, on the eye and near the mouth. The eye is swollen to twice its normal size.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick was sleeping near the window without screens, and the bug flew in and bit her and flew away before being killed. Some few years ago the people of this section were given great trouble by the "kissing bug," but this is the first one reported for some time.

## President Resigns.

Dr. Aaron S. Watkins announced yesterday he had resigned the presidency of Amburg College at Wilmore, Ky., to enter the Methodist conference and Chautauqua work. Dr. Watkins was the nominee for Governor of Ohio on the Prohibition ticket five years ago.

## RIPE IN YEARS

Col. J. H. Viser Passes Away Near Pembroke.

Died, August 18th, 1910, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. P. Rives, near Pembroke, Ky., Col. J. H. Viser, of Manatee, Florida, in the ninetieth year of his age.

The deceased was for many years a prominent citizen of Paducah, Ky., but has lived in south Florida for about thirty years, where he accumulated a large fortune. He was a man of rare intelligence, noble character and disposition. His children who survive him are Mrs. James T. Hanning, Clarksville, Tenn.; Mrs. Jennie V. Smith, Manatee, Fla.; Mrs. H. P. Rives, near Pembroke, Ky.; Messrs. H. D. Viser, Carthage, Mo.; W. M. Viser, Louisville, Ky., and Stanley M. Viser, near Pembroke, Ky. He was an uncle of Mrs. R. F. Rives, near Casky, Ky.

(Courier-Journal please copy).

## Sunny Jim Innocent.

There was no warrant for the use of the names of Vice President Sherman and Senator Curtis in connection with any improper relation to Indian contracts, it is the unanimous opinion expressed by the congressional committee which has been investigating the so-called McMurray contracts. Senator Gore issued a statement, which was incorporated in the official record of the investigation, further exonerating the two men.

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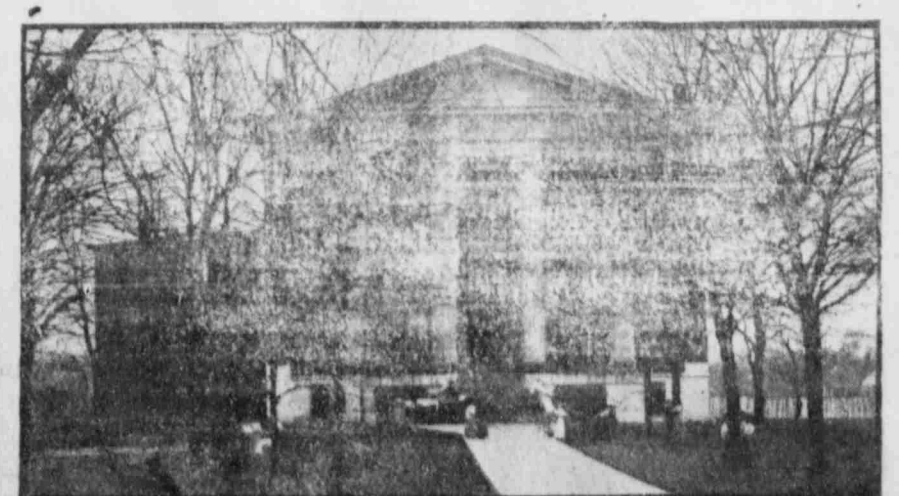
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